

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

Cancel claims 11, 12 and 15;

Add new claims 19 and 20; and

Rewrite claims 9, 13, 16 ,and 17, as follows:

1. - 8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A hospital sitting-up bed (1) comprising a height-adjustable base (8), a support frame (11) having a center part (13), a back part (14) connected to the center part (13), a thigh part (15) connected to the center part (13), and a lower-leg part (16) connected to the thigh part (15), said center part (13) being connected to said back part (14) and thigh part (15) and said thigh part (15) being connected to said lower-leg part (16) by respective pivot joints (28)[[,]] each having a horizontal joint axis, at least one drive (87, 97) for pivoting said parts of the support frame (1) relative to each other such that in one position they assume a configuration of a horizontal bed and in another position they assume a position similar to a chair in which said lower-leg part (16) extends downwards, and an actuating device (79, 80, 26) operable by said at least one drive for moving said thigh part into a position in which it extends diagonally upwardly in a direction toward the lower leg part (16) starting from the center part (13) when said parts are moved to the configuration similar to a chair, said actuating device (79,80,26) including a cam mechanism for pivoting said thigh part upwardly as an incident to movement of said lower leg part downwardly toward the configuration similar to a chair and for retaining it in that position when the parts are in the configuration similar to a chair.

10. (Previously Presented) The hospital sitting up bed according to claim 9 including a rotatable articulated element (9) mounted on said base 8 and having a vertical axis, said support frame (11) being supported on said rotatable articulated element (9) for relative rotational movement.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The hospital sitting up bed according to claim ~~[[12]]~~ 19 in which said actuating device includes a drive motor (87) for rotating said shaft (74).

14. (Previously Presented) The hospital sitting up bed according to claim 13 in which said drive motor is operable for pivoting said lower leg part (16) about a pivot axis transverse to a longitudinal axis of said support frame.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The hospital and sitting-up bed of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 19 in which said thigh part (15) has a bottom strut (26) extending transversely along an underside thereof defining a counter camming surface for engagement by said at least one cam (79, 80).

17. (Currently Amended) The rotating and setting up bed of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 20 in which said bed includes an intermediate frame (10) mounted on said height adjustable base, and a mattress support frame (11) supported on said intermediate frame (10) comprising said center part (13), back part (14), thigh part (15), and lower leg part (16).

18. (Previously Presented) The hospital and setting up bed of claim 16 in which said shaft (74) is supported by said intermediate frame.

19. (New) A hospital sitting-up bed (1) comprising a height-adjustable base (8), a support frame (11) having a center part (13), a back part (14) connected to the center part (13), a thigh part (15) connected to the center part (13), and a lower-leg part (16) connected to the thigh part (15), said center part (13) being connected to said back part (14) and thigh part (15) and said thigh part (15) being connected to said lower-leg part (16) by respective pivot joints (28) each having a horizontal joint axis, at least one drive (87, 97) for pivoting said parts of the support frame (1) relative to each other such that in one position they assume a configuration of a horizontal bed and in another position they assume a position similar to a chair in which said lower-leg part (16) extends downwards, an actuating device (79, 80, 26) operable by said at least one drive for moving said thigh part into a position in which it

extends diagonally upwardly in a direction toward the lower leg part (16) starting from the center part (13) when said parts are moved to the configuration similar to a chair, said actuating device including a shaft (74) on said lower leg part which extends perpendicularly to a longitudinal axis of said support frame (11), at least one cam (79, 80) fixedly mounted on said shaft (74), and said at least one drive being operable for rotating said shaft (74) and pivoting said cams (79, 80) to move said thigh part relative to said lower leg part.

20. (New) A hospital sitting-up bed (1) comprising a height-adjustable base (8), a support frame (11) having a center part (13), a back part (14) connected to the center part (13), a thigh part (15) connected to the center part (13), and a lower-leg part (16) connected to the thigh part (15), said center part (13) being connected to said back part (14) and thigh part (15) and said thigh part (15) being connected to said lower-leg part (16) by respective pivot joints (28) each having a horizontal joint axis, at least one drive (87, 97) for pivoting said parts of the support frame (1) relative to each other such that in one position they assume a configuration of a horizontal bed and in another position they assume a position similar to a chair in which said lower-leg part (16) extends downwards, an actuating device (79, 80, 26) operable by said at least one drive for moving said thigh part into a position in which it extends diagonally upwardly in a direction toward the lower leg part (16) starting from the center part (13) when said parts are moved to the configuration similar to a chair, a shaft (74) rotatably supported transversely in said support frame, said shaft (74) having levers (75, 76) fixed in outwardly extended relation thereto which interact with said lower leg part (16) in order to bring the lower leg part (16) from a downward hanging position into a generally horizontal position, and at least one cam plate (79, 80) mounted in fixed relation to said transverse shaft (74) and levers (75, 76) for interacting with and pivoting said thigh part.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.